

foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Payne amendment and thank my colleague for working with Chairwoman LOWEY in drafting this amendment.

Over the last month the entire country has awakened to the threat of XDR-TB (Extensively Drug Resistant Tuberculosis). The simple fact of the matter is that we can prevent XDR-TB and the less dangerous MDR-TB (Multi-drug resistant TB) with better TB control programs that ensure that people who are taking drugs for TB stay on their medicines, and avoid developing drug resistance.

XDR-TB has already been found in over 37 countries around the world. However, due to inadequate lab facilities around the world we don't truly know how far XDR-TB has spread.

Additional funding provided by the Payne amendment would help us address some of these issues. I want to again thank my colleague Representative PAYNE for offering this amendment and for working with Chairwoman LOWEY to ensure that we increase funding for Tuberculosis programs in the State-Foreign Ops bill this year.

I look forward to continuing to work with both of my colleagues and the committee to ensure that TB continues to get the funding and attention it deserves.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION FEDERAL CHARTER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, today on the 22nd anniversary of its founding, I rise to offer legislation that would grant the Korean War Veterans Association a Federal Charter, enabling the Association to expand its mission and further its charitable and benevolent causes. The Association, comprised exclusively of Korean War veterans, has over 25,000 members and is one of the few such organizations of its size without a Federal Charter.

Being awarded such a charter will afford the Korean War Veterans Association the same status as other major veterans' organizations and allow it to participate as part of select committees with other congressionally chartered veterans and military groups. A Federal Charter—at no cost to the government—will also accelerate the Association's accreditation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, enabling its members to assist in processing veterans' claims.

More than 50 years have passed since the war-weary men and women who served in Korea returned home. Half a century later, history has revealed that the sacrifices made by these brave soldiers stemmed the expansion of communism and effectively contributed to a more peaceful world.

Granting this Federal Charter is a small expression of our appreciation for the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of our forces in Korea. This bipartisan legislation is an opportunity to express our gratitude and respect for our military, past and present, and to give Korean War veterans the long-awaited recogni-

tion they deserve to ensure that the "forgotten war" is forgotten no more.

TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, 57 years ago today, on June 25, 1950, the Korean war began when North Korean forces invaded South Korea. Two days later, President Truman sent U.S. forces to support South Korea and the United Nations followed suit. This initial conflict led to a 3-year war in which American forces defended South Korean territory against Communist invaders from North Korea and China. The United States and our allies suffered numerous successes and setbacks, engaging in a difficult struggle for terrain on the Korean peninsula. In the end, over 54,000 American service members died during the Korean War and over 100,000 were wounded.

We are still living with the legacy of the Korean war today. Thousands of American servicemembers remain on guard on the Korean peninsula along the Demilitarized Zone. While the Korean war is sometimes called the "Forgotten War," it is certainly not forgotten in the 110th Congress. I am proud to honor the commitment and service of those soldiers who fought in Korea and those who continue to stand watch at their posts on the peninsula today. On this day, the 57th anniversary of the start of the Korean war, we honor the sacrifice and service of America's Armed Forces and pledge to continue to work on their behalf in this Congress and beyond.

TURNING THE BATTLE AROUND

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly honor, but sadly send away, one of Baltimore's finest citizens and leaders: Dr. Stanley F. Battle, who recently left his post as the President of Coppin State University, located in my district.

Dr. Battle is a man of vision—and true to his name, he turned the battle around to achieve victory for thousands of college students, faculty and the entire Baltimore community.

When Dr. Battle took the helm of this great historically black liberal arts institution in March 2003, Coppin was at a different place than it is today.

Then classified as a college, Coppin was severely underfunded—a situation further escalated by budget cuts to higher education institutions, and a slow economy.

Yet, where critics saw dark clouds—Dr. Battle saw sunlight.

One of his most notable accomplishments was to establish the campus as the first completely wireless campus in the University System of Maryland.

Through Dr. Battle's leadership, Coppin pioneered the Tegrity Campus, which combines

digital audio and video recording of the class lectures with electronic note-taking and computer usage. These technological innovations were noticed by the prestigious U.S. News & World Report magazine, which ranked Coppin as one of the top 50 U.S. colleges and universities with absolute wireless capacity.

Then, within 1 year and 1 month of Dr. Battle's tenure as president, Coppin received university status for the first time in its history.

The following academic year, enrollment increased by 11 percent.

Dr. Battle's innovation reached beyond the campus—as he created several initiatives to uplift children in Baltimore City Schools, and empower them to attend college. One such initiative was the Academic Enrichment Academy that offers a free SAT Camp.

Another project he spearheaded was the Talented Ten African American Male Mentoring Program. He also collaborated with Baltimore Public Schools to create several programs to uplift children.

He continued building strong relationships with Baltimore's faith-based community.

Joining with the Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, Dr. Battle also helped bring together members of the university and the neighbors of the campus to redevelop and revitalize the area surrounding Coppin. He further facilitated the campus's growth from 38 to 52 acres.

In terms of research expansion, Dr. Battle facilitated increased external research grants and established the Raymond V. Haysbert Research Center.

As the Congressman representing Coppin, I was proud to work with Dr. Battle as I helped secure a grant for a major research project, and other funding for educational and transportation programs.

On July 1, 2007, Dr. Battle will begin his role as the Chancellor at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University in Greensboro, NC.

It is a great loss for the Baltimore community and for Coppin State University.

However, he leaves behind a legacy that has forever changed us—and made an impact on the future leaders of America.

Nevertheless, as a strong believer in expanding high quality education to all Americans, I am joyful that the community of North Carolina A&T University is receiving a great gift as Dr. Battle as its chancellor.

Dr. Battle's legacy of turning around battles will continue to reverberate throughout Maryland for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE ADA, OKLAHOMA CEMENT PLANT FOR A CENTURY OF CONTINUOUS OPERATION, AND CONGRATULATING THE HOLCIM (US) ADA PLANT FOR ITS USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS, AND DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Holcim (US) cement plant in Ada, OK, for ensuring a century of continuous cement operations, for its use of

recycled materials and for directing distribution. The Holcim plant in Ada provides jobs to over 100 employees, and many of their families have worked at the plant for two generations.

Madam Speaker, since 1921 the Holcim plant has produced more than 33 million tons of cement used in the construction of roads, highways, airports, homes, and oil wells throughout Oklahoma. As such, this plant has been a dependable business in the region, a great example of American ingenuity and technology, and a leader in Oklahoma's industrial revolution.

Madam Speaker, companies like this are rare. When so many have moved to other States and Nations, we are truly fortunate and blessed that Holcim has remained in place. I truly believe that this is testament not only to the company, but to the workers and the larger community of Ada, OK. Companies can only be faithful to a community if a community reciprocates. Ada's demonstrated dedication and its people reveal the pride we all have in our hearts for Holcim.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Holcim cement plant in Ada, OK for a century of continuous service. The plant is a part of the fabric that makes up present-day Oklahoma, and is an integral part of the economy for Ada by providing jobs and opportunities for our citizens. During Oklahoma's centennial year I want to salute Holcim (US) for the company's contributions to this State.

TRIBUTE TO STS-117

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the success of NASA's latest mission to the International Space Station. I also wish to celebrate the safe return of the STS-117 *Atlantis* crew and honor the accomplishments of the astronauts, including Colorado's very own Steven Swanson.

From a distinguished member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society to a recipient of the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, Mission Specialist Swanson's path to space is paved with miles of achievements. Long before he took in the majestic sights of our galaxy, a young Swanson was in search of new heights of adventure amidst our Rocky Mountains. After whetting his appetite for sky-high ventures in Steamboat Springs, Mr. Swanson went on to graduate from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in engineering physics. A year after he received a master of applied science in computer systems from Florida Atlantic University, Steve Swanson joined NASA.

As a systems engineer in the Aircraft Operations Division of Johnson Space Center, JSC, Swanson worked on the Shuttle Training Aircraft, eventually earning both the JSC Certificate of Accommodation and the Flight Simulation Engineering Award. After earning a doctorate in computer science from Texas A&M University in 1998, Swanson was selected as an Astronaut Candidate and successfully completed intensive training to even-

tually become a member of the crew on STS-117.

Building on the lessons and mission objectives of the two previous NASA shuttle missions, STS-115 and STS-116, the STS-117 mission focused on further construction of the International Space Station. The seven-astronaut crew, under the command of Marine Colonel Rick Sturckow and the piloting of Air Force Colonel Lee Archambault, successfully installed a large truss needed to expand the orbiting space research facility and added third pair of solar wings to power the station. The STS-117 mission represented the 28th flight of the space shuttle *Atlantis* and NASA's 118th shuttle mission.

As the 18th graduate of the University of Colorado to fly in space for NASA, Steve Swanson's safe return not only reaps great pride for his family and friends but the entire state of Colorado as well. Colorado has a rich history of accomplished space pioneers as the state has the second highest private aerospace employment concentration in the country. Swanson serves as a great embodiment of the determination and fearless pursuit of adventure found so deeply ingrained in the American West.

In fact, the entire *Atlantis* crew embodies the very best of the American ingenuity and limitless capacity for human achievement that make this country great. I join my fellow Members of Congress in celebrating and honoring the fine astronauts of STS-117 and the accomplishments of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF RUTH GRAHAM

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Ruth Bell Graham, wife of the Reverend Billy Graham. On Thursday, June 14, 2007, Ruth Graham passed away, after being bed-ridden for several months with pneumonia, surrounded by her husband and all five of her children. She may be best known as the wife of the world-famous evangelist Reverend Billy Graham, but Ruth made her own mark on the world as an author, poet, mother, and spiritual leader in her own right.

Ruth Bell, the second child of five children, grew up in China where her parents were missionaries. They instilled in her the dependence on the Bible for strength and guidance. Reverend Billy Graham would later confide in her, relying on her knowledge of the Scripture and her strength of character as guidance.

Due to her husband's travels, she bore major responsibility for raising the couple's five children: Franklin (William Franklin III), Nelson, Virginia, Anne, and Ruth.

Ruth Graham was the author or co-author of 14 books, including collections of poetry and the autobiographical scrapbook "Footprints of a Pilgrim."

In 1996, the Grahams were each awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for "outstanding and lasting contributions to morality, racial equality, family, philanthropy, and religion."

She helped establish the Ruth and Billy Graham Children's Health Center in Asheville, and the Billy Graham Training Center near Montreat.

I am honored to have Reverend and Mrs. Graham as two of my constituents in Western North Carolina. The Grahams moved to Montreat many decades ago, and have made an indelible mark on the area. I have the utmost respect for Reverend Graham.

Madam Speaker, the legacy of Ruth Graham will live on long after she is gone. Ruth Bell Graham has served her Lord for a lifetime, and it is an honor to have served Ruth Graham in the United States Congress.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing remorse for the loss of Ruth Graham and may God bless and comfort the family and friends she has left behind.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal death penalty.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

SD-562

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Stealth Tax, focusing on how to stop the alternative minimum tax from sneaking up on unsuspecting taxpayers.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 793, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs, and S. 1011, to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the